

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add claim 8.

Please cancel claim 5.

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 4 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A windscreen wiper (10) which includes a unitary elongate curved beam (12), and a rubber blade (14) mounted to the beam (12), the beam (12) having a protective end formation (16) at at least one of its tips (18), characterised therein that the curved beam (12) has a varying thickness ~~and a continuous upper surface of a varying width~~ and that the end formation (16) comprises a deformed end portion of the beam (12), which projects beyond and is spaced from an end portion of the rubber blade (14).

2. (Original) The windscreen wiper (10) as claimed in Claim 1, characterised therein that the beam (12) has a pair of end formations (16), one at each tip (18).

3. (Currently Amended) The windscreen wiper (10) as claimed in Claim 2, characterised therein that each end portion is ~~has been deformed by being~~ folded over.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A windscreen wiper (10) ~~as claimed in Claim 2~~which comprises a unitary elongate curved beam (12), and a rubber blade (14) mounted to the beam (12), the beam (12) having a pair of protective end formations (16), one at each tip (18), characterised therein that the curved beam (12) has a varying thickness and that the end formation (16) comprises a

deformed end portion of the beam (12), which projects beyond an end portion of the rubber blade (14), and characterised therein that each end portion ~~is~~ has been folded back on itself.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The windscreen wiper (10) as claimed in Claim 1, characterised therein that the beam (12) has a free form curvature in a plane.

7. (Original) The windscreen wiper (10) as claimed in Claim 1, characterised therein that the beam (12) has a compound curvature.

8. (New) The windscreen wiper (10) as claimed in Claim 1, characterized therein that the rubber blade (14) is mounted directly to a bottom side of the beam (12).